

MINUTES
ANC 6A Transportation & Public Space Committee Meeting
Capitol Hill Towers (900 G Street NE)
June 20, 2016 at 7:00 pm

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.
- II. Introductions
 - A. Committee members present: Andrea Adleman, Elizabeth Nelson, Todd Sloves (co-chair), Omar Mahmud (co-chair), Lara Levison
 - B. ANC Commissioners: Sondra Phillips-Gilbert (6A07) and Mike Soderman (6A03)
- III. Announcement
 - A. Co-chair Sloves: DDOT has chosen one of the options for a proposed redesign of Florida Ave. ANC 6C has expressed concerns about the stretch from 2nd St. to 8th St. NE (that runs through their ANC). The character of the street changes from the Union Station end through to the eastern end, in some places commercial, in others residential. So what is suitable for one segment may not be for another. Committee members agreed that ANC 6A should look at 6C's objections and ask DDOT to present the various options at either a TPS meeting or an ANC meeting. When better informed on the issues, the committee can consider whether ANC 6A should write a letter to DDOT and what the contents of such a letter might be.
- IV. Community Comment – none.
- V. New Business
 - A. Petition for Zone 6 permit parking on 400 Block of 17th Street NE (residents of 17Solar)
 - i. Romelle Simpson and Sara Barczak presented the residents' request for Zone 6 street parking on Seventeenth (17th) Street NE in front of their building. During the discussion a misunderstanding was cleared up. The Committee and Commissioner Phillips-Gilbert thought that the residents of 17Solar were not eligible for residential parking permits (RPPs), as is the case with some new buildings. In fact, they are eligible. Rather, their request is for the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) to change signage on their block from "no parking" to Zone 6 parking. There are currently "no parking" signs on either side of Seventeenth (17th) Street in that block, while the rest of Seventeenth (17th) Street has parking. It is unclear why this is the case. Some area residents park there at night in spite of the signs. Concerns were raised about requesting this change ahead of the Seventeenth (17th) Street redesign, and Committee members and others in attendance agreed it might be worth asking DDOT to investigate the safety of changing the parking situation on this block before deciding whether to actually make a change.
 - ii. ***Co-chair Sloves offered a motion, seconded by Co-chair Mahmud, recommending that the ANC send a letter to DDOT requesting that they***

evaluate the 400 block of Seventeenth (17th) Street NE to see if it would be safe to have parking on the street. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Request for traffic calming measures for 200 Block of Tenth (10th) Street NE
 - i. Commissioner Soderman discussed a petition requesting traffic calming measures for the 200 block of Tenth (10th) Street NE. Since the application Waze came out, commuters have been using Tenth (10th) Street to go north and south, to avoid traffic lights on nearby streets. In ANC6A, it is a problem from Maryland Avenue NE down to East Capitol Street. The Committee agreed that the letter to DDOT should indicate that the problem extends further than this specific block.
 - ii. ***Co-chair Sloves offered a motion, seconded by Co-chair Mahmud, to recommend that the ANC send a letter to DDOT requesting that they look into traffic-calming measures for the 200 block of Tenth (10th) Street NE. The motion passed unanimously, including support from Commissioner Soderman.***
- C. Request for traffic study at intersection of Tenth (10th) Street NE and Massachusetts Ave NE
 - i. Per Commissioner Soderman, former Commissioner David Holmes has sent multiple requests regarding this intersection. This situation may also be exacerbated by commuters using Waze.
 - ii. Co-chair Sloves said he would recommend sending a new letter about this issue along with the requisite DDOT application, but better to consider the item next month when that is complete.

Co-chair Sloves offered a motion, seconded by Mahmud, to amend the agenda to postpone agenda items C and D to next month's meeting.

D. *Bicycle and vehicle traffic on 1500 Block of C Street NE (postponed)*

- E. Letter of support for providing dedicated lanes for future western section of DC Streetcar
 - i. Options for expansion of the streetcar line include: 1) routing it in traffic as on H Street; routing it in the center of the street part of the way, then in a dedicated lane; or routing it in a dedicated lane in the center of the street for the whole length of K Street NW. Commissioner Mahmud asked if it is appropriate for our ANC to weigh in, since the extension will not be in ANC6A. Nelson and others said they feel it is fine to weigh in, but we need more information on the proposals and a better understanding of that community's concerns. Commissioner Mahmud will send us a link to look at the proposals on our own time and come back to this when we have better information.

VI. Additional Community Comment: none

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.